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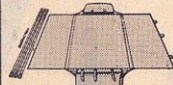
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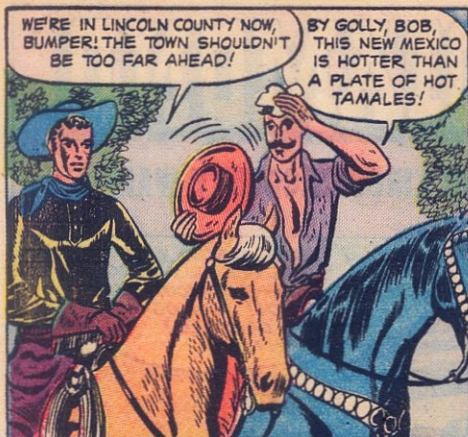
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BLACK DIAMOND

MEETS BILLY THE KID IN LINCOLN COUNTY WAR!



IN 1879 JOHN CHISUM AND ALEX McSWAIN, DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH A MONOPOLY OF THE STOCK-GRAZING BUSINESS AND MAKE THEMSELVES IN TRUTH THE CATTLE KINGS OF THE PECOS VALLEY, DROVE IN 80,000 HEAD OF CATTLE! THE HERDS OF SMALL RANCHERS WERE SWEEPED AWAY AS IN AN AVALANCHE! THESE MEN THEN BANDED TOGETHER AND PREPARED FOR DEADLY CONFLICT! IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT CHISUM AND McSWAIN HIRED THE MOST FEARED GUNMAN AND MURDERER IN THE SOUTHWEST, BILLY THE KID! SO STARTED THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR!



WE'RE IN LINCOLN COUNTY NOW, BUMPER! THE TOWN SHOULDN'T BE TOO FAR AHEAD!

BY GOLLY, BOB, THIS NEW MEXICO IS HOTTER THAN A PLATE OF HOT TAMALES!



THAT SMOKE MEANS THE TOWN IS JUST OVER THE CREST OF THAT HILL! I'D BETTER GET INTO MY BLACK DIAMOND OUTFIT TO AVOID BEING RECOGNIZED LATER!

GOOD IDEA, BOB! THIS IS DANGEROUS TERRITORY WITH THE RANCHERS SPLIT INTO TWO FACTIONS!



WE'RE REALLY GETTING THE ONCE-OVER FROM THE LOCAL CROWD!

LOOK, PETER-STRANGERS-AND ONE WEARS A MASK!



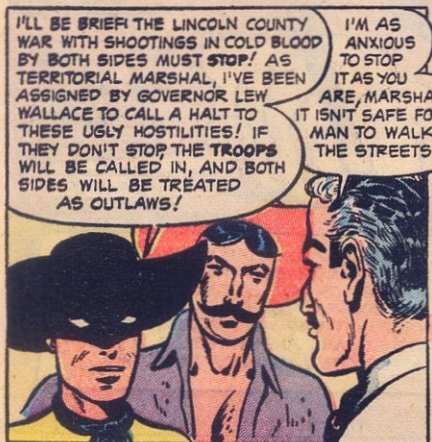
HERE'S THE LAW OFFICE, DIAMOND!

"SHERIFF MARION TURNER-" HMM! I'VE HEARD A LOT OF GOOD THINGS SAID ABOUT HIM!



WHY-IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! I'D RECOGNIZE YOU ANY PLACE! WHAT BRINGS YOU TO OUR NECK OF THE WOODS?

TROUBLE SHERIFF TURNER, TROUBLE!



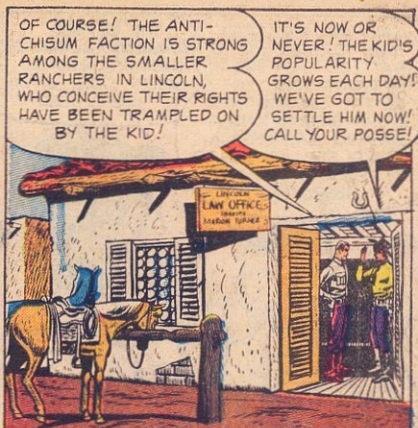
I'LL BE BRIEF THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR WITH SHOOTINGS IN COLD BLOOD BY BOTH SIDES MUST STOP! AS TERRITORIAL MARSHAL, I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED BY GOVERNOR LEW WALLACE TO CALL A HALT TO THESE UGLY HOSTILITIES! IF THEY DON'T STOP THE TROOPS WILL BE CALLED IN, AND BOTH SIDES WILL BE TREATED AS OUTLAWS!

I'M AS ANXIOUS TO STOP IT AS YOU ARE, MARSHAL! IT ISN'T SAFE FOR A MAN TO WALK THE STREETS!



I HAVE A WARRANT TO BRING IN THIS WILLIAM BONNEY, ALIAS BILLY THE KID, DEAD OR ALIVE FOR THE MURDER OF SHERIFF BRADY AND OTHERS!

THERE'S THE SEAT OF YOUR TROUBLE-BILLY THE KID! IT'S SUICIDE TO GO AFTER HIM! HE'S LIKED AND PROTECTED IN THIS COUNTY!



MANY MEN RIDE FROM TOWN TO SEEK YOU TO BATTLE! THEY SPEAK OF DEATH AND VEN-DETTA! LEADING THEM IS THE SHERIFF AND A MASKED MAN UPON A MIGHTY STALLION CALLED BY NAME EL DIAMANTE NEGRO!!

THE **BLACK DIAMOND**! SO TURNER'S BROUGHT IN SOME HELP! WELL, BY JINGLES HE'LL NEED IT!



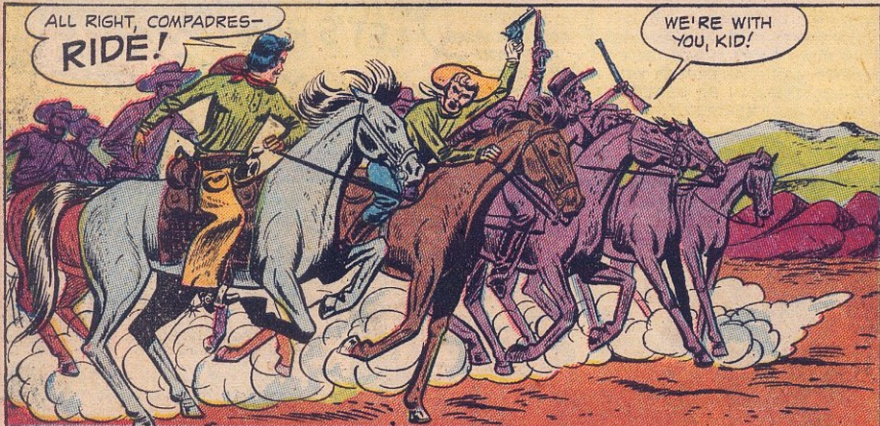
O'FALLAHER! ROUND UP THE CROWD! WE'RE RIDIN' TO THE CANYON TO MEET TURNER'S BOYS!

RIGHT, KID!



ALL RIGHT, COMPADRES—
RIDE!

WE'RE WITH YOU, KID!



WE'VE BEEN OUT TWO DAYS, TURNER! HOW DO THINGS LOOK?

TRAIL'S GETTING HOTTER, DIAMOND! THAT NARROW CANYON AT THE MOUTH OF THOSE LOW FOOTHILLS IS AN OLD RENDEZVOUS OF THE KID'S!

DIAMOND! AHEAD—LOOK!

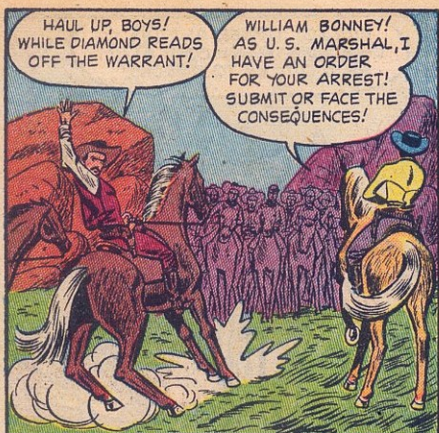
RIDERS!



KID! THERE'S THE POSSE COMING TOWARD THE CANYON!

I SEE 'EM! HALF YOU BOYS RIDE BACK TO PROTECT THE RAMP! WE'LL HOLD 'EM!

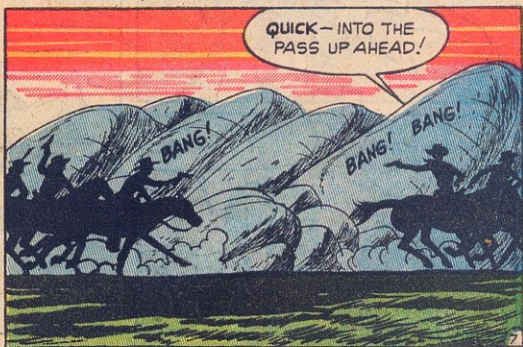


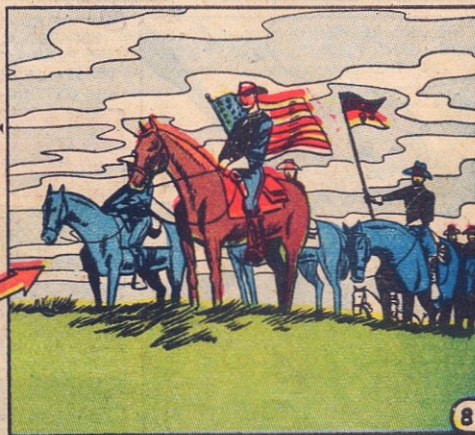






OF THE 65 MEN THE KID LED INTO THE CANYON, ONLY 40 ESCAPED ALIVE! THE ODDS HAD CHANGED! ACROSS THE PLAINS, THE TWO FORCES WENT, EACH WREAKING VENGEANCE ON THE OTHER, PAYING OLD SCORES AND GETTING EVEN WITH BITTER ENEMIES!







IT'S THE CAVALRY! BUMPER MADE IT!

YIPP-PE-E-E!



BILLY! LOOK! IT'S THE 9TH!

WHAT!! START POUNDING LEATHER, BOYS! WE'RE HEADING FOR LINCOLN!



COLONEL DUDLEY! THANK HEAVEN YOU MADE IT IN TIME!

I MET YOUR MAN BUMPER ON THE WAY OUT! I'D BEEN WARNED THE KID WAS RECEIVING REINFORCEMENTS AND HAD ALREADY STARTED OUT!



COLONEL! THE KID'S MEN ARE ON THE RUN!

LEAD OFF, TURNER! MY MEN WILL FOLLOW!



LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HEADING BACK FOR LINCOLN, COLONEL!

LET'S GO, MEN!



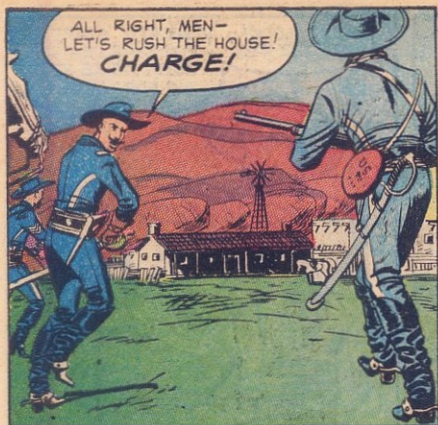
WE'RE ALMOST TO TOWN, BILLY! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

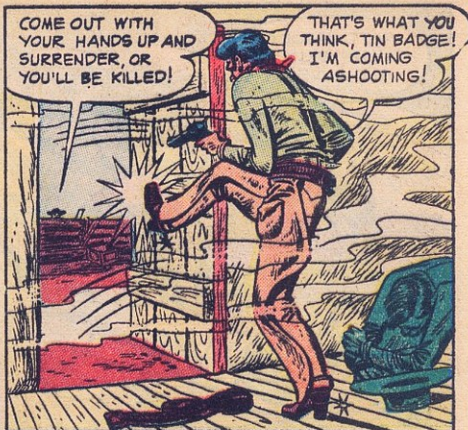
THEY'RE HOT ON OUR HEELS! WE'D BETTER BLOCKADE OURSELVES IN McSWAIN'S HOUSE! THERE'S PLENTY OF AMMUNITION THERE!



LOOK, COLONEL! THE KID'S GANG HAS DUCKED INTO McSWAIN'S HOUSE!

FAN OUT, MEN! WE'LL SURROUND THE PLACE!







AIN'T NOBODY TAKING BILLY THE KID ALIVE!



BUMPER!
BUMPER!

DON'T STOP—
DIAMOND! YOU—CAN
STILL—GET THE—
KID...



HE'LL JUST HAVE
TO GET AWAY
BUMPER! YOU'RE
LOSING BLOOD BY
THE GALLON!

BUT—YOU—
COULD—
HAVE
CAUGHT
HIM—
OH...
HH...



ADIOS, MASKED
MAN! I'LL SEE
YOU AGAIN—NEXT
TIME AT THE END
OF MY PISTOL!
VAMOS CABALLO!



WELL, DOC,
WHAT DO YOU
THINK? YOU'VE
BEEN WORKING
ON HIM OVER
THREE HOURS!

HA! YOU DON'T
THINK YOU COULD
KILL THIS BULL
OF A MAN, DO
YOU? IMPOS-
SIBLE! HE'LL
BE FINE!



WELL, DIAMOND,
THE KID'S LOOSE
AGAIN! ALL THE
FIGHTING AND
DYING HAS BEEN
IN VAIN!

I WOULDN'T SAY THAT,
SHERIFF TURNER!
BRAVE MEN GAVE THEIR
LIVES ON BOTH SIDES TO
FIGHT FOR WHAT THEY
BELIEVED IN—AND THE KID'S
OWN VIOLENCE WILL CATCH
UP WITH HIM SOON!



WHEN A MAN DEFEYS ONE LAW—HE MUST BE PREPARED TO DEFEY ALL LAWS, EVEN THE LAW OF HUMAN LIFE! BY THE ROPE AND BULLET DIE MOST OF THESE MEN WHO PERSIST IN TRYING TO BEAT THEIR JUDGMENT! SOME OF THEM ARE WITH APPARENT BRAVERY BUT IT IS A BRAVERY OF DESPERATION!

HOW TRUE BLACK DIAMOND'S WORDS ARE— BUT HAS HE SEEN THE LAST OF BILLY THE KID? SEE CENTER SPREAD IN THIS ISSUE...

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The ASTOUNDING SAGA of DANGEROUS DAN

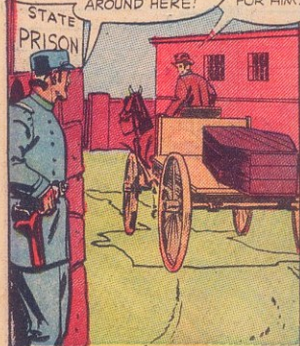


DANGEROUS DAN! CRAFTY VILLAIN OF THE OLD WEST— HE MADE HIS OWN BREAKS— BOTH FROM PRISON AND OTHERWISE! READ HOW HE FINANCED A RAILROAD SO HE COULD ROB THE GOLD SHIPMENTS MADE ON IT, AND HOW THREE OTHER TRAIN ROBBERS BEAT HIM TO THE LOOT!



THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE TO SEE DANGEROUS DAN GO OUT OF HERE— IN A COFFIN! NOW WE'LL HAVE SOME LAW AND ORDER AROUND HERE!

HANGING WAS TOO GOOD FOR HIM!



GOOD NEWS, CHIEF! DANGEROUS DAN WAS HANGED! THE NEWS JUST CAME IN BY TELEGRAPH FROM THE STATE PRISON!

GOOD! NOW THERE'S NO CHANCE OF HIS ESCAPING! HE WAS RUINING OUR BUSINESS WITH HIS HOLDUPS!



THE MAN WHO CAPTURED DANGEROUS DAN WILL BE HERE SOON TO COLLECT HIS REWARD!

THAT'S \$500 WE'LL BE GLAD TO PAY OUT!







MANY MILES AWAY...

OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS A RAILROAD, MR. WELDON! IT'LL BRING PROSPERITY TO OUR COMMUNITY AND MORE BUSINESS TO YOUR BANK! NOW THE TRAIN I'VE INVENTED...

I'M SORRY, MR. BAILEY, BUT THE BANK HAS TOO MUCH MONEY OUT AT THE PRESENT TIME--I COULD NEVER MAKE YOU A LOAN ON SUCH A QUESTIONABLE ENTERPRISE!

GOOD DAY, MR. BAILEY!

HMM...

YOU'RE SURE YOU WON'T RECONSIDER?

GOOD DAY, MR. BAILEY!



JUST A MINUTE, BAILEY! I OVERHEARD YOUR CONVERSATION WITH THE BANKER! HOW MUCH WOULD YOU NEED TO BUILD THAT RAILROAD? GIVE ME A RECEIPT AND I'LL HAND OVER \$20,000 TO YOU! MAKE IT OUT TO JULES OLIVER!

W-WHY WITH TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, I COULD BUILD THE FINEST RAILROAD AND STEAM ENGINE MAN HAS EVER KNOWN!

\$20,000! HERE YOU ARE, MY GOOD MAN! GET THAT RAILROAD IN OPERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

IT'S A DEAL! WE'LL BE FIFTY-FIFTY PARTNERS!





I'LL GET RIGHT TO WORK ON IT! I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE—MAYBE SIX MONTHS! HOW CAN I CONTACT YOU?

I'LL BE AROUND FOR THE PAYOFF, DON'T WORRY!



BUT BEFORE DANGEROUS DAN LEFT TOWN...

ADIOS, AMIGO! THANKS FOR THE MONEY! IT WILL KEEP ME GOING UNTIL MY INVESTMENT PAYS OFF!

LATER... MONTHS LATER...



... SO BAILEY FINALLY COMPLETED HIS RAILROAD! THE FIRST TRIP WILL BE MADE AT TWO O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON! I'LL HAVE TO COLLECT MY FIRST DIVIDEND!

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THANK YOU, FOLKS! I ONLY WISH THE MAN WHO INVESTED HIS HARD-EARNED CASH INTO THIS RAILROAD WAS HERE TO SHARE IN THE FESTIVITIES.



\$12,000 IN GOLD! THE FIRST CARGO ON YOUR TRAIN! I'M PUTTING IT IN SAFE KEEPING, I'M SURE!

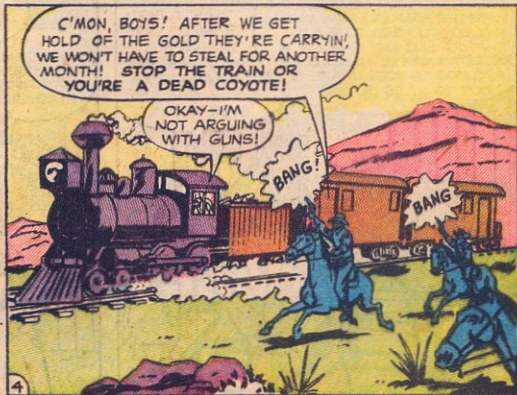
NO THIEF WOULD DARE HOLD UP A FAST, MODERN TRAIN LIKE THIS ONE! WE'RE ALL SET TO LEAVE NOW!

FIVE MILES OUT OF TOWN ...



I WONDER WHAT'S HOLDING UP THAT TRAIN? IT SHOULD'VE PASSED HERE AN HOUR AGO! I'M GETTING TIRED OF WAITIN'!

...AND HERE'S WHAT'S HOLDING UP THE TRAIN, TWO MILES FROM WHERE DANGEROUS DAN IMPATIENTLY WAITS...



C'MON, BOYS! AFTER WE GET HOLD OF THE GOLD THEY'RE CARRYIN', WE WON'T HAVE TO STEAL FOR ANOTHER MONTH! STOP THE TRAIN OR YOU'RE A DEAD COYOTE!

OKAY—I'M NOT ARGUING WITH GUNS!

BANG!

BANG!



STICK 'EM UP!

GRAB THE GOLD! I GOT HIM COVERED!



WE GOT THE GOLD! LET'S GO!

WHEW? I'M TAKIN' THIS TRAIN BACK TO TOWN AND IT AIN'T MOVIN' FROM THERE TILL THE SHERIFF CAPTURES EVERY TRAIN ROBBER IN THE TERRITORY!

BANG? BANG



WHO HELD YOU UP? WAS IT DANGEROUS DAN?

NO--IT WASN'T HIM! I REMEMBER DANGEROUS DAN FROM A ROBBERY LAST YEAR!



AFTER ALL THE MONEY I INVESTED IN THAT TRAIN IT FAILS TO SHOW UP! I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHY!



THE NERVE OF THOSE THIEVES--ROBBING MY TRAIN! THE LEAST THEY COULD'VE DONE WAS LET ME HAVE FIRST CRACK AT IT!



WHATCHA DOING ABOUT CATCHING THOSE TRAIN ROBBERS, SHERIFF?

I'M WAITING FOR A SPECIAL RAILROAD DETECTIVE FROM THE EAST! HIS NAME IS MIKE LANG!

HE'LL KNOW HOW TO PUT A HALT TO THESE BRAZEN ROBBERIES!



WHY DO YOU WANT TO FIND THE SHERIFF, STRANGER?

I'M AN EASTERN RAILROAD DETECTIVE! I'VE COME OUT HERE TO HELP HIM PUT AN END TO ALL THE TRAIN ROBBERIES-- AND PUT THAT RAILROAD IN OPERATION!

LATE THAT AFTERNOON--ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...



HMMM! WELL, THAT'S RIGHT NICE OF YOU, STRANGER! WHERE DID YOU GET THE HORSE AND YOUR FANCY DUDS?

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THIS SUIT COST ME \$125! THAT HORSE IS WORTH OVER \$200!



D'YA MIND TAKING OFF THOSE CLOTHES, STRANGER?

WHY, YOU...

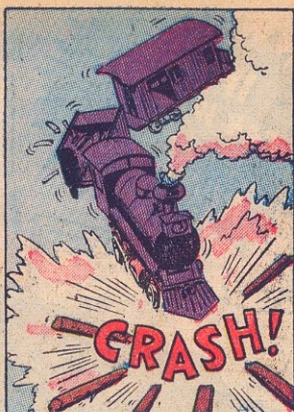




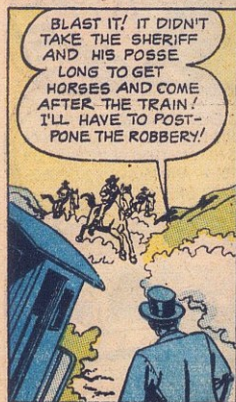
HEY-THE ENGINEER'S GONE!
AND THE TRAIN'S STILL MOVING!
THE LOG PILE I PUT ACROSS
THE TRACKS-WE'RE SURE
TO CRASH!



I'LL GRAB
THE GOLD AFTER
SHE
CRASHES!



CRASH!



BLAST IT! IT DIDN'T
TAKE THE SHERIFF
AND HIS POSSE
LONG TO GET
HORSES AND COME
AFTER THE TRAIN!
I'LL HAVE TO POS-
T-PONE THE ROBBERY!



HELLO, SHERIFF!
THERE THEY ARE!
THE TRAIN
ROBBERS!
SAY, WHERE
WERE YOU?

SOMETHING'S
MIGHTY
QUEER!
THOSE CROOKS
MUST'VE UNCOUPLED
MY CAR WHEN THEY
PULLED THE
ROBBERY!



MR. BAILEY, THERE HE IS!
THE MAN WHO CAPTURED
THE TRAIN THIEVES-

SAY!
WAIT A
MINUTE!
CAN IT BE?
YES! WHY
YOU'VE SHAVED
OFF YOUR SIDEBURNS
AND MUSTACHE!

HOORAY!



YOU'RE THE
MAN WHO
GAVE ME THE
MONEY TO
BUILD THE
RAILROAD!

JUMPIN' GRASS-
HOPPERS! WHY
DIDN'T I RECOGNIZE
HIM BEFORE? HIS
DISGUISE HAD ME
FOOLED! DANGEROUS
DAN! GRAB
HIM!



THEN WE MUST'VE THROWN
THE REAL RAILROAD DETECTIVE
IN JAIL BY MISTAKE! RELEASE
HIM AT ONCE AND LOCK THIS
WEASEL UP! HE'LL BE TRIED
TOMORROW!



THE END

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SAGA OF DANGEROUS DAN -
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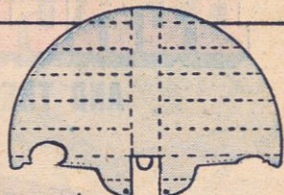
STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW!

by C.H. MOORE

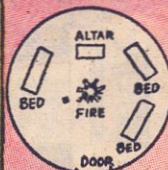


THE TIPI

OF THE GREAT PLAINS INDIANS!
 (TIPI IS THE INDIAN SPELLING - IT MEANS DWELLING PLACE)
 BUFFALO HIDE WAS ORIGINALLY USED TO COVER THE TIPI
 BUT WAS REPLACED BY CANVAS WHEN THE PIONEERS CAME!
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 THE INDIANS, AND IS REMARKABLE FOR ITS SIMPLICITY,
 STRENGTH AND PORTABILITY!



PATTERN OF A CANVAS TIPI
 AND THE WAY THE PIECES WERE
 SEWED TOGETHER BY THE INDIANS!
 YOU CAN HAVE FUN MAKING AN
 INDIAN TIPI FOR YOUR YARD - IT
 WILL BE JUST LIKE THE ONES THE INDIANS
 USED IN THE OLD, WILD WEST DAYS!



FLOOR PLAN OF THE TIPI:

THE ENTRANCE OF THE TIPI ALWAYS FACED THE EAST!
 THE INDIANS WERE GREAT SUN WORSHIPPERS AND THE SUN CAME OUT OF THE EAST - SO THE TIPI ALWAYS FACED THE RISING SUN!

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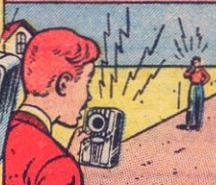
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BLACK DIAMOND

AND THE DEATH OF BILLY THE KID



DIAMOND! LOOK!
BILLY THE KID! AND HE'S
STOLEN RELIAPON!

S ALL THE BAD MEN OF THE WEST, NONE ACHIEVED SUCH FAME AS WILLIAM BONNEY, ALIAS BILLY THE KID—KILLER, GAMBLER AND BANDIT! AFTER HIS PART IN THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR, HE WAS INDEED THE HUNTED, AND MEN CAME FROM ALL SIDES TO TRY AND CLAIM HIS LIFE! RIDE WITH BOB VALE AS THE BLACK DIAMOND AND FIND OUT WHAT PART HE PLAYED IN...
THE DEATH OF BILLY THE KID!

1881...THE PRIVATE CAR OF CATTLE KING, CHARLIE GOOD-NIGHT, PRESIDENT OF THE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE TEXAS PANHANDLE...



YOU KNOW THE FACTS, MARSHAL—GET THAT MAN! KILL HIM IF YOU MUST—BUT GET HIM! THIS CATTLE STEALING HAS TO STOP!

I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR! I HAVE A PERSONAL SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HIM!

USE EVERYTHING AT YOUR DISPOSAL—AND CONTACT YOUR MAN, POE, IF YOU CAN, ALSO SHERIFF GARRETT IN WHITE OAKS!

YES SIR, I'LL LEAVE AT ONCE!

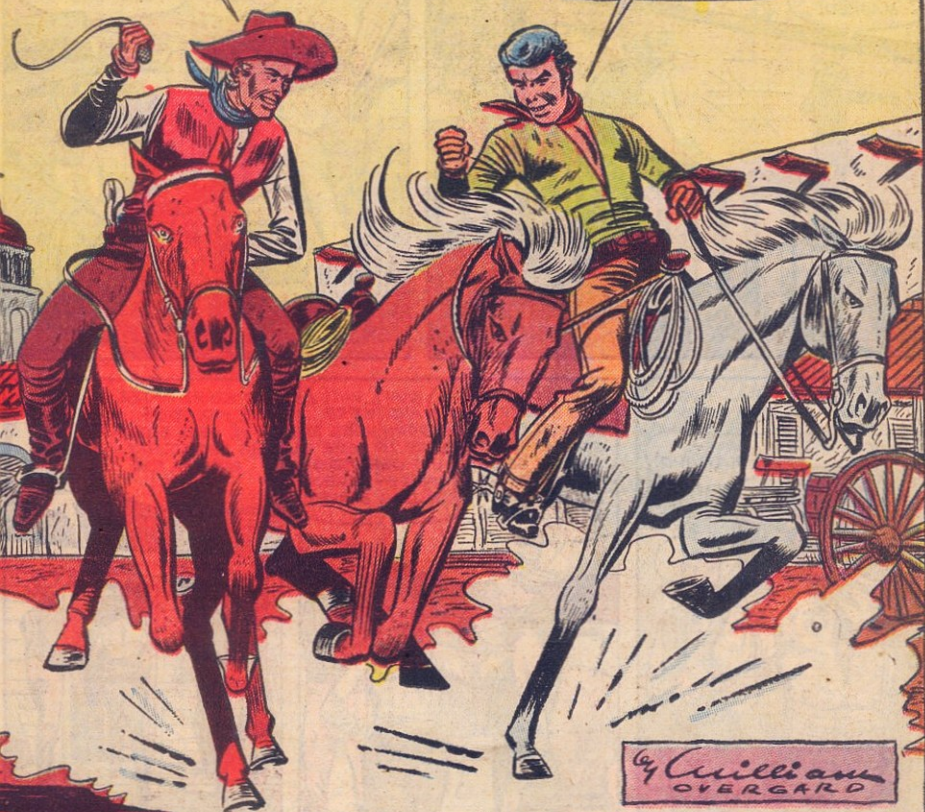


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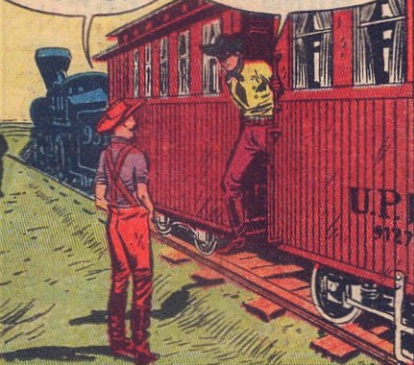
NICE GOING, KID!
YOU REALLY ROPED
HIM CLEAN!

AND FROM RIGHT UNDER
THAT HICK MARSHAL'S NOSE! HA!
I GUESS THAT WILL SHOW THEM BILLY
THE KID DON'T FOOL AROUND!



WELL, DIAMOND,
WHAT DID HE SAY?
WHO ARE WE AFTER
THIS TIME?

AN OLD FRIEND OF
YOURS, BUMPER, WITH 21
NOTCHES ON HIS
GUN BUTTS!

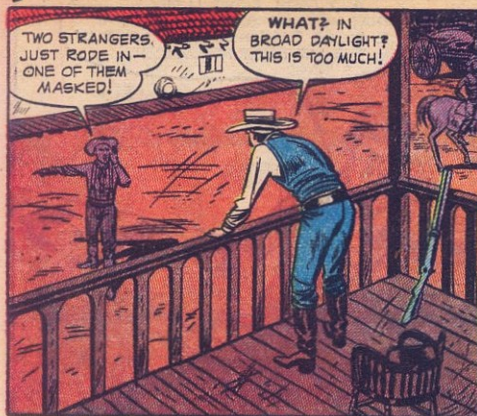


BILLY THE
KID!

RIGHT! SO STRADDLE
EL LOBO AND LET'S MAKE
TRACKS! WE'VE GOT MANY
A MILE TO COVER!



THE BOOMING MINING TOWN OF WHITE OAKS...







WHERE YOU GOING, BILLY?

I'M SICK OF HIDING OUT IN THIS STINKING SHEEP CAMP! I'M HEADING INTO FORT SUMNER TO SEE MY GAL! AND I'M TAKING THIS PALAMINO I SNAGGED AS A PRESENT FOR HER!



BE CAREFUL, KID! GARRETT'S STILL LOOKING FOR YOU, AND SO'S THAT MASKED MARSHAL, THE BLACK DIAMOND!

HA! THEY DON'T BOTHER ME! DIDN'T I STEAL THIS HORSE RIGHT OUT FROM UNDER THEIR NOSES? ADIGS!



QUIEN ES? WHO EES THAT?

DON'T BE AFRAID, DULCINEA! IT'S ME, BILLY! COME ON DOWN!



EL MILAGRO! BILLEE! EET EES YOU! BUT YOU SHOULD NOT BE HERE! THEY WILL CATCH YOU!

NAH! DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT! LOOK, I BROUGHT YOU A PRESENT!



NOMBRE DE DIOS! FOR ME, BILLEE?

SURE, DULCINEA! I FIGURED YOU'D LIKE HIM, WHEN I-ER- FOUND HIM!



HE EES SO BEAUTIFUL, BILLEE— BUT YOU MUST NOT LINGER! YOU WILL BE FOUND!

ALL RIGHT, DULCINEA, BUT I'LL BE BACK SOON— WAIT FOR ME!



GOOD-BYE, MY LOVE! MAY FATE PROTECT YOU!



GEE, DIAMOND, WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING THE MOUNTAINS EVERY DAY FOR ALMOST A MONTH NOW! IT'S SURE GETTING DISCOURAGING!

MAYBE HE'S SKIPPED TO MEXICO, LIKE HIS FRIENDS SAY! WE'D BETTER RIDE INTO LINCOLN AND SEE IF PAT'S DUG UP ANYTHING!



GOOD NEWS, BOYS! A FRIEND OF MINE WROTE AND TOLD ME BILLY'S HANGING AROUND FORT SUMNER TO SEE A GIRL NAMED DULCINEA DEL TOBOSO! IT MAY BE A WILD GOOSE CHASE, BUT...

LET'S GO! I'LL GET FRESH HORSES!



HOLD ON—YOU BOYS, YOU JUST CAME BACK FROM A LONG DAY AND...

FORGET IT! LET'S GO, I'M READY! HOW ABOUT YOU, BUMPER?

RIGHT!



THAT'S THE MOUTH OF TAIBAN ARROTO AHEAD! SUMNER'S JUST BELOW—I'M KNOWN IN THE TOWN, SO YOU AND BUMPER RIDE IN AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND OUT! I'LL MEET YOU HERE!

OKAY PAT! COME ON, BUMPER!



THE TOWN'S SURE QUIET! EVERYBODY'S AT SIESTA!

DIAMOND! LOOK!



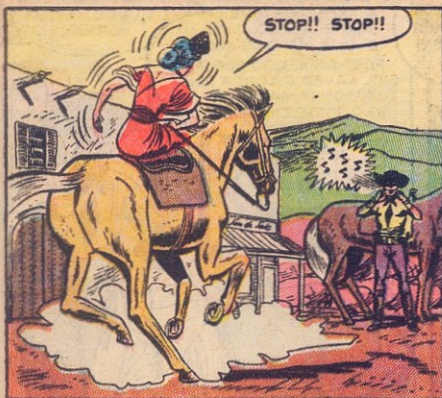
WHY—IT'S RELIAPON!

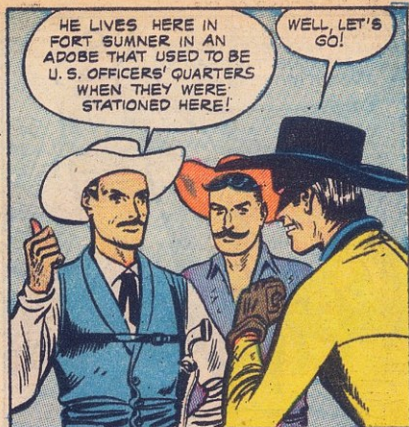


BUT A GIRL'S RIDING HIM! THAT DOESN'T FIGURE!

WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH! WAIT TILL I WHISTLE!

AT THE SOUND OF DIAMOND'S WHISTLE, RELIAPON REARS AND GALLOPS TOWARD HIS MASTER!







QUIET NOW, BOYS! HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN WARNED BY SOMEONE THAT SAW YOU RIDE OUT WITH THE GIRL!



THAT'S MAXWELL'S ROOM IN THE CORNER, WITH THE DOORS OPEN BECAUSE OF THE HEAT! YOU FELLOWS WAIT HERE WHILE I GO IN AND TALK TO HIM!

BE CAREFUL, PAT!



WHO'S THERE?

DON'T GET EXCITED, PETE! IT'S ME, PAT GARRETT! WE KNOW THE KID'S AROUND SOMEWHERE AND WE WANT TO KNOW JUST WHERE!



HE'D KILL ME, PAT, IF I TOLD!

WOULD YOU RATHER THE REST OF US WERE CUT DOWN FROM AMBUSH?



NO, NO, YOU'RE RIGHT—IT'S GOT TO COME TO AN END SOMETIME! HE JUST ARRIVED FROM A SLEEP CAMP—HE'S OUT IN BACK IN THE SERVANTS' QUARTERS!



HEY, MANUEL, I'M REAL HUNGRY! ANY MEAT ABOUT?

THERE EES A SIDE HANGING UP AT THE MAIN HOUSE, SEÑOR BILLEE!

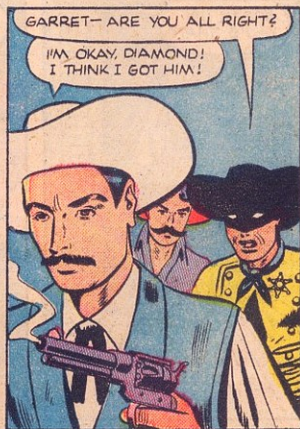


GOOD, I'LL WALK UP AND CHOP OFF A SLAB AND YOU CAN FRY IT UP!

SI, SI, PRONTO!

AS DIAMOND SHIFTS HIS WEIGHT, HIS SPUR
JINGLES AND THE KID SPINS...







YOUR FIRST SHOT PENETRATED JUST ABOVE HIS HEART!

LOOK— HE HAD A 41 IN ONE HAND AND A BUTCHER KNIFE IN THE OTHER— READY TO THE LAST!



I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SHOUTING THE WARNING, DIAMOND! THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ME LYING THERE!

THIS NIGHT WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY, PAT— YOU'VE PUT AN END TO A VICIOUS MURDERER! THE SOUTH-WEST WILL BE A BETTER PLACE WITHOUT HIM!



HE WASN'T FINICKY IN HIS KILLINGS! HE WAS AS BLITHE TO SHOOT A MAN IN THE BACK AS ANYWHERE ELSE— HE HAD NO CODE OF GUNMAN HONOR! YOU DID THE RIGHT THING!



HE WAS A PLEASANT KILLER— BILLY THE KID— AND THERE'LL BE PEOPLE WHO'LL THINK THE KID WAS TOO YOUNG AND GAY TO DIE IN THE DARK! YET HE GOT MERELY A TASTE OF WHAT HE HAD GIVEN OTHERS!



I SUPPOSE YOU'LL BE HEADING HOME NOW, DIAMOND!

YES, BUMPER AND I WILL BE LEAVING AT ONCE! GOOD LUCK, PAT!



LOOK, BUMPER, THERE'S JUNCTION AHEAD! WE'RE ALMOST HOME— BOY! A WEEK IN THE SADDLE IS ENOUGH FOR ANYONE! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO...

DIAMOND!
DIAMOND!



WHAT'S TH' MATTER, BUMPER? WHAT'S TH' MATTER??

I JUST REMEMBERED! THAT GIRL— THE KID'S SWEETHEART! WE DIDN'T GO BACK FOR HER— SHE'S STILL UP IN THE TREE!

THE END

WANTED!

YOU

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NO VEHACLE DRAWN BY MOAR THAN 1 ANIMILE IS ALOUD TO CROS THIS BRIDG IN THE OPPOSIT DIREXION AT THE SAM TIME!



"UNCLE"

JOHN SMITH of Sheridan LOOKED SO MUCH LIKE ANDREW JACKSON, THAT WHEN THE PRESIDENT VISITED THE TOWN - THE PEOPLE LAUGHED AT HIM AND JEERED - THEY THOUGHT IT WAS "UNCLE JOHN" PLAYING A JOKE!

C.H. MOORE 5149



SNAKS IS DANGEROUS AROUND HERE BE CAREFUL!

MANY BONES WERE FOUND ON THE GREAT PLAINS WITH MESSAGES WRITTEN ON THEM FOR THE PIONEERS TO COME LATER!

SOME CONTAINED HELPFUL ADVICE - WARNINGS OF THE UNSEEN DANGERS-AND SOME WERE JUST GREETINGS!

WILD BILL WAS ATTACKED BY 10 DESPERADOS, WHO WERE OUT TO FINISH HIM OFF, BUT - WILD BILL KILLED THEM ALL, SINGLE-HANDED - HOWEVER HE HAD 11 BULLET WOUNDS AND 13 KNIFE WOUNDS IN HIS OWN BODY!

A SHORT TIME LATER HE WAS SHOT IN THE BACK AND DIED FROM IT!

SIGN ON A CALIFORNIA BRIDGE-1849!



TRIGGER FRANK DUG HIS OWN GRAVE!

FRANK DUG A GRAVE IN WHICH HE PLANNED TO BURY SODK' TOM HICKS (THAT IS, AFTER HE SHOT HIM)!

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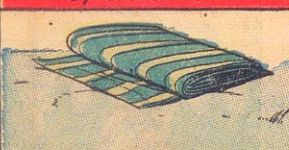
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WOODEN BLANKETS WERE USED BY THE SALISH TRIBES ALONG THE COLUMBIA RIVER—THEY WERE MADE OF STRIPS OF CEDAR BARK WOVEN TOGETHER!



THE NORTHWEST INDIANS WORE RAINCOATS: THEY WERE A WATER-PROOF PONCHO MADE FROM WOVEN STRIPS OF CEDAR BARK! THEY ALSO LIVED IN WATER-PROOF HOUSES MADE OF STRAW!

M-GLEASON

STAMP PAGE

By SIDNEY M. ELIAS

Georgia

Do you know where Georgia is? No sir, this Georgia is not SOUTH of South Carolina, but is located in the southern tip of Russia in Europe. Its exact location is in the Caucasian Mountains, on the eastern shore of the Black Sea, and west of Azerbaijan.

The history of Georgia dates back long before Christ, for it has been estimated that people lived in this area 4,000 to 5,000 years ago. Although temporarily conquered and overrun at different times by the Arabs, the Turks, the Mongols, and the Persians, Georgia has lived through the ages and has been an independent kingdom for more than 2,000 years. It was in 1802, that Georgia lost its independence and was absorbed into the Russian Empire by Alexander the Great. This happened because at that time, Georgia was divided up into domains ruled over by princes. These princes often fought among themselves and the Queen, who recently married a Russian prince, looked to Alexander to restore order. Alexander did restore order and annexed Georgia to Russia. In October, 1917, when the Russian Empire fell, Georgia again declared its independence by forming the Republic of Georgia. In 1922, Georgia together with its sister republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan formed the Transcaucasian Federation of Soviet Republics. The republics were later absorbed in the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) each with its own autonomous government.

The stamps of the Republic of Georgia like those of Azerbaijan, were printed on paper similar to that used in the making of this comic book. These stamps were crudely printed and very few of them actually were used on letters. There is a story that just before Georgia joined the Transcaucasian Federation, officials of the Republic who were going to lose their jobs fled the country with the plates of these stamps and sold them to stamp dealers in Europe.

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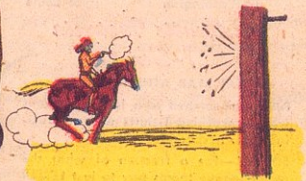
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THE DOUBLE SWITCHEROO

THE saloon doors swung open and crashed against the walls. Everyone in the room turned. "Hey! It's the Grady boys!" someone yelled. "Hi!"

Big Mike, owner of the Bulk Creek Bar, came forward to greet the two slim, cocky boys standing at the entrance. "Well, where've you been? I reckon it's been six months since you've been hanging around this bar of mine."

"Good to see ya, Mike," replied Tim Grady. "We've just come up from Texas—brought up a herd of longhorns for the Double A Ranch. Hi, Brodey! Howdy, Scratch!"

Conversation was lost in the deluge of greetings. The Grady boys were well liked in Fort Laramie. They were typical of the young, devil-may-care adventurers that swarmed through the town, except they were better natured and smarter than most.

Opportunists of the first water, Tim and Bud Grady had turned their hands—and their guns—to everything from bull-whacking to ranching. And they'd been lucky, too. Each time they returned to Fort Laramie for supplies and what they derisively called "a couple of weeks of restin' up," they were well loaded with the profits of their most recent projects. But their luck didn't extend to the gaming tables. It never took more than two weeks to clean their pockets as empty as the first day they'd left home, five years before.

Surrounded by their old friends, Tim and Bud Grady stepped up to the bar. "Drinks are on us!" Bud shouted to the bartender.

"Nix on that," replied Big Mike. "They're on the house. Now tell us what you've been up to. I didn't know the Double A was bringin' cattle up from Texas."

"Neither did they until this morning," laughed Tim. "We picked up the herd in San Antonio. The market's rock-bottom there 'cause they can't get the cattle shipped out. Then we brought 'em up here and checked in at the Double A to see if they were interested. They were—and at about a 400% profit, too."

Big Mike shook his head in awe. "Man, oh, man, how you two kids fall into easy money the way you do is more than I can figure out. Well,

I guess you fall out of it just as easy, too."

"Not this time," said Bud. "We've got plans, Mike—big plans. This cattle money can double and quadruple, just the way it did this time. Cattle is the biggest thing in the West."

"Except Leadville," Tim added flatly.

"Aw, Leadville's nothing but a flash in the pan," sneered Bud. "A couple of guys will get the big strikes and ten thousand little guys will go broke trying to match 'em. Then there'll be a crash, and bingo—another ghost town! Anyway, as I was saying, if we plow our profits from this deal right back into Texas longhorns, we'll be rich men within a year or two. Not so bad, huh?"

"Not half as good as this Leadville deal. Look here!" Tim pulled a battered clipping out of his pocket. "Leadville Boom Surpasses All Others!" he read. "There's a fortune in that town—and I don't mean in ore, either. Leadville's going to be loaded with gold miners. And I don't care if they're lucky or not, they've got to have equipment. All we gotta do is load some wagons with all the hardware we can carry, and we'll resell that stuff for a fortune!"

Bud jerked his head at Tim impatiently. "You're nuts! There's two hundred miles of the toughest freightin' in the country between here and there, and with winter comin' . . ."

"Who's nuts? So we lose our herds in the winter blizzards between here and Texas? You're the one who's crazy!" snapped Tim.

"You low-down, ornery so-and-so!" Bud shouted. "You never have supplied any of the brains of this outfit! What makes you think you're so smart, you paper-collared storekeeper!"

Bud turned back to Big Mike in disgust, but Tim grabbed him by the shoulder and spun him around. "You pint-sized flea," Tim roared. "Who do you think you are? You're nothin' but a . . ."

Big Mike cut in, grabbed both boys and held them apart. "Now just a minute, you two," he said. "If you're fixin' to have a fight in here, you can just think twice. Both of you calm down. Talk this here big deal over for a couple of days. You're too good a team to let a ruckus like this break you up. C'mon, have a drink."

Tim and Bud Grady did as Big Mike ordered, but they were still sullen, and you could see the fight was just beginning.

For the next two weeks, the arguments continued. Bud and Tim both stood firm. The one thing that they agreed on was not to throw their money away this time. All the enticements of Fort Laramie were lost on them. They could only think and talk of the riches of Leadville versus those of Texas. They sat at a corner table in Big Mike's bar, sometimes bickering and cursing, sometimes sitting in silent anger.

Finally Big Mike could stand it no longer. He joined them at the table. "Boys," he said, putting down his beer, "the time has come for you two to make up your minds. You both could be right. You both could be wrong. But only time and the winter can prove which is which. Why don't you divvy up your cash and each go your own gait. Then join up here next spring and see how you've gotten along. How about it?"

Tim and Bud thought for a minute, then both nodded silently. Bud handed the poke to Big Mike, who divided it into two equal piles, one for each. Bud got up slowly, shook hands with Big Mike and said slowly. "Well, I reckon I'll be moving out in the morning. See ya in the Spring. So long." And without a word to Tim or a backward glance, he strode from the saloon.

Tim Grady sat for a minute longer with Big Mike. "It's the first time we've been apart, Mike, but I guess it's just as well. I better get busy and see what kind of wagons and supplies I can get ahold of. Magasky wants to sell out his hardware stock, so I might as well get my bid in there. Thanks, Mike. I'll see ya before I leave town."

The whole town watched with interest as the Grady boys made their preparations, and there wasn't a man in town who didn't have strong feelings as to which one was on the right bent.

The following morning, Bud was ready to leave. He'd asked the Laramie bank to transfer his funds to San Antonio, his saddle bags were packed, his horse was waiting. Just before he left the hotel, he looked out the window to the dust-ridden main street below. There, leading a train of horses and empty freight wagons, was Tim, his brother. Silently he watched him, his expression inscrutable. Then, suddenly, he threw his saddle bags back on the bed and left the room.

Two hours later, he entered Big Mike's saloon.

"Have you seen Tim around, Mike?" he asked. "He hasn't left yet, has he?"

"No," Mike replied, "he's around town looking for you, as a matter of fact. I think he has something to tell ya."

"That goes for me, too." Bud started toward the door. "I—wait, here he comes." Tim Grady swung through the door, stopped, hesitantly, when he saw Bud.

"Bud," he stammered, "I got to figgerin'. I..."

Bud interrupted quickly. "Wait till you see what I've got for you. I-I reckon it's sort of silly to head for Texas this late in the year. I guess I'll string along with you."

"Wha . . . !" Tim began.

Tim's exclamation was interrupted again. "Yeh," Bud continued, "I put my part of the poke into some more supplies for Leadville. Got a good bargain, too. All of Magasky's old hardware stock."

Tim looked at his brother aghast. "Well, I'll be—you bought *what*?" He burst into laughter, grabbed Bud by the arm and clapped him on the back. "Why, you consarned, knuckle-headed brother of mine! I shoulda known blood was thicker than money. You crazy galoot!"

Bud stepped back, a bit miffed at this hilarious reception of his brotherly gesture. "What's so crazy about . . ."

"Just this, you darned rascal," continued Tim, between bursts of laughter. "I bought my wagons last night, all right, then went over to close the deal with Magasky this morning. He told me he'd found a buyer who'd give him a better price! I hit the ceiling, but there wasn't much I could do about it. So you're that buyer! How much did he get from you?"

"\$5,400!" Bud replied. "Let's go back there and pick up the stuff. We'd better start moving. Where are your wagons?"

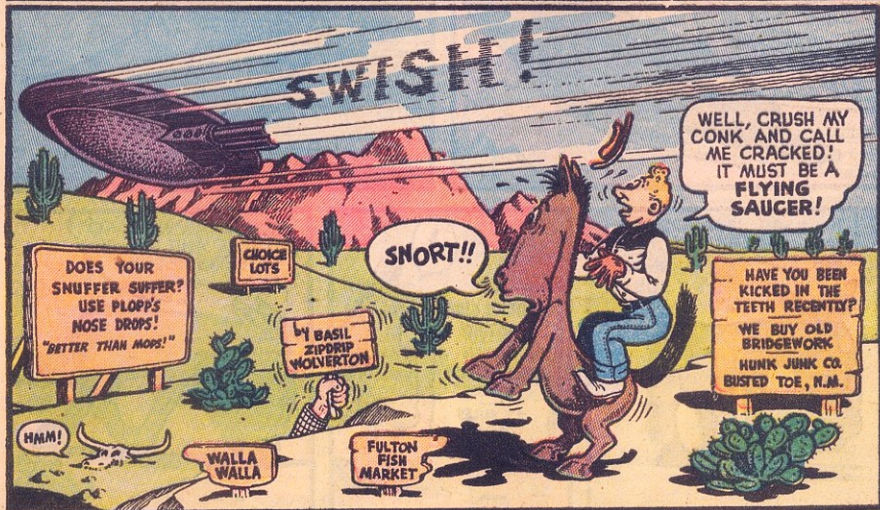
"That's—that's just it!" whooped Tim. "When I lost out on the hardware deal—ha! ha!—hee!—I resold the wagons, took the money and told the bank to transfer it to San Antonio. I decided to string along with you!"

Bud stared incredulously, then started laughing, too. The two rolled against the bar, their sides aching with laughter. Big Mike, smiling broadly, put a couple of drinks in front of them. "Okay, boys," he said, "now that one of you has sent his money to Texas and the other has his tied up in hardware he can't transport, how about settling down for some good brotherly fun and forgetting these million-dollar deals?"

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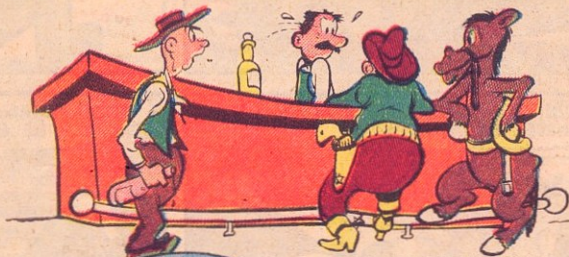
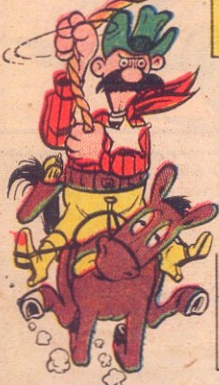
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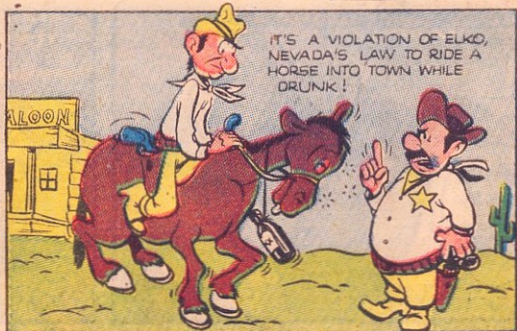
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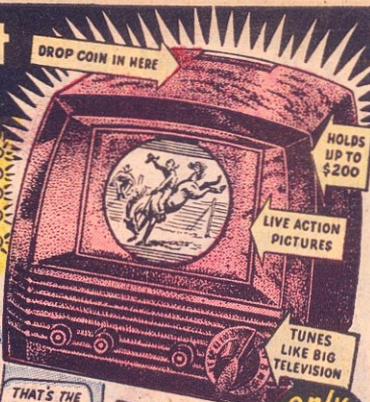
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Have you ever wished you could have your own favorite picture or snapshot enlarged like the pictures of Movie Stars? If you act now, you can make your wish come true. Just to get acquainted, we will make you a handsome, silk finish enlargement, mounted in a rich, gold-tooled frame with glassine front and standing easel back for only 19c each for the Picture and Frame, plus cost of mailing. Hundreds of thousands of people have already taken advantage of this generous offer, and to acquaint millions more like yourself with the famous studio portrait quality of our work, we now make this trial offer to you.

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Enclosed find _____ snapshot or negative.
(Specify number, limit 2)

Please make _____ Enlargement and Frame.
(Specify number, limit 2)

I will pay postman only 19c each for Enlargement and Frame, on arrival, plus mailing costs, on your 10-day money-back guarantee offer.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ () STATE _____
(Zone)

Fill out description below. Mark back of picture 1 and 2.

COLOR—Picture No. 1

Hair _____

Eyes _____

Clothing _____

COLOR—Picture No. 2

Hair _____

Eyes _____

Clothing _____